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A primary objective each session is passage of the biennial state budget. This daunting task is progressing as the House plans to take up that chamber's budget plan this week.

The House's budget bill, HB 1, passed out of committee spending \$209.8 billion, \$7.7 billion more than the current two-year budget. The House will debate HB 1 on Tuesday, along with supplemental budget bills.

The Senate Finance Committee budget plan, which is still in committee, differs from the House's proposed budget on spending in public education, transportation, tax cuts and border security. Differences between the House and the Senate's budgets will ultimately be reconciled in a conference committee before going back to each chamber for final approval.

This week, the Senate passed a package of property and franchise tax relief, a top priority of the Republican leadership. The property tax relief portion is contained in SB 1 and SJR 1, which would increase the current \$15,000 homestead exemption from school district property taxes to 25 percent of the state's median home market value. SJR 1 also ensures that real property conveyances can never be taxed. The franchise tax portion, SB 7 and SB 8, permanently reduces franchise taxes by 15 percent and exempts businesses earning under \$4 million annually from paying the franchise tax. These measures now go to the House for consideration.

The BLS is tracking legislation in ten (10) general subject-matter categories. Periodic updates will come in two parts, the first part, below, is a summary of the categories. The second part contains a detailed list of all bills being tracked within the categories.

A -- Section Prepared Bills

Bills in this category are proposed by the Texas Business Law Foundation ("TBLF").

Business Organization Code—Corporations

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC affecting corporations and fundamental business transactions developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee.

[HB 2142](#) (Oliviera)/[SB 860](#) (Eltime)—The committee substitute addressing minor corrections and requested non-profit amendments from the AG was heard in House B&I on Tuesday, March 24 with Byron Egan, Daryl Robertson and Lori Ann Fox testifying for TBLF and Carmen Flores for SOS. Senate B&C voted out the substitute.

Business Organization Code—Partnerships and LLCs

Substantive and technical amendments to the BOC affecting partnerships and limited liabilities companies developed by the BLS BOC Drafting Committee.

[HB 2144](#) (Oliviera)/[SB 859](#) (Eltime)— The committee substitute addressing minor corrections was heard in House B&I on Tuesday, March 24 with Byron Egan, Daryl Robertson and Lori Ann Fox testifying for TBLF and Carmen Flores for SOS. Senate B&C voted out the committee substitute.

Uniform Commercial Code—Chapter 1

Modifies the definition of a “person” to include a series LLC.

[HB 3434](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1077](#) (Eltime)— House bill has been referred to B&I. Senate bill was heard in Senate B&C on Tuesday, March 24, with Karen Neeley testifying for TBLF and voted out as filed.

B -- Business Courts

Chancery Court

[HB 1603](#) (Villalba) – Creates a chancery court system in Texas to handle specific business litigation. B&I heard the bill on Tuesday, March 24. Byron Egan testified on behalf of the TBLF. Former Chief Justice Tom Phillips also testified in support, along with James Sullivan of King & Spalding and Brian Walters of the Walters Law Firm in Austin. Numerous entities registered in support of the bill, including various financial and business associations. Fifteen trial lawyer generated witnesses testified against the bill and are waging a strong campaign to defeat the bill. Also opposed was the Texas Association of Defense Counsel and the Family Law Foundation. The bill remains pending in committee.

C -- Business Entities

Trusts

[HB 3762](#) (Elkins)—Amends Section 101.003 of the Property Code to permit a settlor of an express trust to designate the trust as a “business purpose trust” in the trust instrument, so that the trust can be considered a legal organization and treated as a business trust. Referred to B&I.

[HB 2534](#) (Parker)/ [SB 875](#) (Eltime)—Enforces State Banking Commissioner regulation over “state trust companies.” House bill was referred to Investments Committee. Senate Bill passed B&C.

LLCs Charging Order

[SB 433](#) (Burton) – Amends the BOC to make Section 101.112, relating to member’s membership interest subject to a charging order, applicable to both single-member

limited liability companies and multiple-member limited liability companies. Referred to Senate B&C.

LP & PA Filing Requirements

[HB 2891](#) (Otto)/ [SB 1541](#) (Perry)—Adds limited partnerships and professional associations to Comptroller public information report filing requirements currently applicable to corporations and LLCs. Provides a corresponding exemption from SOS report or statement filing requirements. House bill referred to Ways and Means. Senate bill referred to B&C.

Service of Process

[HB 241](#) (Leach)—Provides a method of substituted service of citation through a “social media presence.” Pending in House Judiciary.

Business Names

[HB 2753](#) (Villalba)—Amends Section 5.053 of the BOC to adopt a “distinguishable” business name standard rather than the current “deceptively similar” standard. Conforms to the trend in most states and the MCBA. Supported by the SOS. A committee substitute makes drafting changes and amends Section 5.102, relating to prohibitions and exceptions of reservations of certain names, and Section 5.153, relating to prohibitions and exceptions of certain registrations. Referred to B&I and set for a hearing on March 30.

[SB 1973](#) (V. Taylor)—Intended to be Senate companion of HB 2753, but not considered an official companion due to drafting error. Referred to B&C.

[SB 1313](#) (Watson)—Amends section 5.053 of the BOC to permit the use of a notarized consent to avoid application of the current business name standard. Referred to B&C.

Non-profit Corporations

[HB 3479](#) (Oliveira)/ [SB 1233](#) (L. Taylor)—Adds new provisions to Chapter 22 of the BOC authorizing distributions of income to non-profit corporation members. House bill referred to B&I. Senate bill referred to B&C.

D -- UCC

Awaiting the filing of additional bills and identification as to relevancy.

E -- Securities

Crowdfunding

[HB 1629](#) (Johnson)—Directs the State Securities Board to create crowd funding provisions for non-profits and government entities that provide small business and economic development loans. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

[HB 2580](#) (Johnson)—Requires the State Securities Board to promulgate rules regularly, facilitates online intrastate crowdfunding and provides requirements and standards. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

[HB 3425](#) (Parker)—Establishes intrastate exchange on which crowd funding and other federal exempted offerings could be offered. Referred to Investments and Financial Services.

Insider Trading by Public Officials

[HB 1539](#) (Meyer)—Increases criminal penalties based on threshold pecuniary gain amounts for public officials convicted of insider trading. Referred to General Investigating and Ethics.

[SB 111](#) (V. Taylor)—Identical to HB 1539, but not an official companion. Referred to State Affairs.

Securities Licenses

[HB 2484](#) (Schaefer)—Amends Title 2 of the Occupations Code to require state agencies to waive education, training, experience and examination requirements for obtaining an occupational license if an applicant holds a substantially equivalent license in another state. Applies to securities licenses. Referred to Licensing.

[HB 3981](#) (Darby)—Would allow an occupational license holder the choice to have an administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings render the final decision in a contested case instead of the head of the agency granting the occupational license. Referred to Licensing.

State Securities Board

[HB 2493](#) (Parker)—Provides for the SDSI status for the State Securities Board as state agency, and adds internal operating requirements and powers. Referred to Investments and Financial Services

F -- Financial Institutions

Dodd-Frank

[HCR 26](#) (Flynn)—Requests Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Referred to Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility.

Consumer Credit Transactions Regulations

[HB 3094](#) (Parker)/ [SB 1282](#) (Eltfie)—Relates to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner. The OCCC is preparing language to address concerns with amendments to the Finance Code. House bill referred to Investments Committee. Senate bill referred to B&C.

G -- Business Liability

Human Trafficking

[HB 968](#) (Hernandez)/ [SB 1848](#) (Garcia) – Applies to certain legal entities under the BOC and would make a shareholder or member of an entity jointly liable under Sec. 98.002 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code for damages arising from trafficking of a person if the shareholder or member caused or had knowledge of the entity to be used for trafficking. The bill is modeled after Section 21.223 (b) of the Business and Commerce Code regarding existing lawsuit liability for shareholders in fraud cases. Hernandez accepted TBLF language in a committee substitute to better mirror existing state law. House Judiciary voted out the bill as amended. Senate bill referred to State Affairs.

Shareholder Oppression

[HB 3168](#) (Simmons)— Amends Chapter 21 of the BOC to provide remedies for shareholder oppression in closely held corporations, apparently overturning the Supreme Court's decision in *Ritchie v. Rupe*. Referred to B&I.

H -- Real Estate and Related Topics

Power of Attorney

[HB 3095](#) (Thompson) –The REPTL POA bill. A committee substitute will contain the addition of a Certification of Power of Attorney, and clean up language regarding the termination of the agent's authority due to dissolution of marriage by divorce/annulment or being declared void. Conversations with REPTL continue. Referred to Judiciary.

I -- Taxation and Related Topics

Reducing business taxes is a primary issue for the Republican leadership.

Property Tax

[SB 1](#)/ [SJR 1](#) (Nelson)—Increases the homestead exemption for school district taxes from \$15,000 to 25 percent of Texas home median market value. Also ensures that real property conveyances can never be taxed. Passed the Senate.

Franchise Tax

[SB 7](#) (Nelson)—Would permanently reduce the franchise tax rate to 0.85 percent for most taxpayers and 0.425 percent for retailers and wholesalers and modifies the “easy file” process by increasing application from \$10 million in total revenue to \$20 million, and by lowering the calculation rate from .575% to .331%. Passed the Senate.

[SB 8](#) (Schwertner)—Would increase the franchise tax exemption to businesses earning \$4 million or less in total annual revenue. Passed the Senate.

Occupation Tax

[HB 2089](#) (Darby) / [SB 765](#) (Eltime)—Repeals the \$200 annual licensing fee imposed on a variety of occupations, including attorneys. House Bill was referred to Licensing and is

scheduled for a hearing on March 30. The Senate Bill is pending in Senate Finance. TBLF registered in support of this legislation.

J -- Choice of Law



Application of Foreign and International Law

Efforts to restrict the impact in Texas courts of certain perceived repugnant foreign laws or doctrines continue. Several bills have been filed impacting foreign judgment enforcement, and contractual choice of law and venue provisions.

[HB 562](#) (Leach)/ [SB 531](#) (Campbell)—Narrows the application to marriages, suits for dissolution of a marriage and suits relating to a parent-child relationship. House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee heard the bill on Tuesday, March 24. Leach indicated he will offer the TBLF proposed carve-out as a floor amendment. The Senate bill has been referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee.

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A - Section Prepared

[HB 2142](#) [Oliveira, Rene\(D\)](#)

Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.

Companions: [SB 860](#) [Eltife, Kevin](#) (Identical)
3-23-15 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History: 03-24-15 H Committee action pending House
Business and Industry

[HB 2144](#) [Oliveira, Rene\(D\)](#)

Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.

Companions: [SB 859](#) [Eltife, Kevin](#) (Identical)
3-23-15 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History: 03-24-15 H Committee action pending House
Business and Industry

[HB 3434](#) [Parker, Tan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Companions: [SB 1077](#) [Eltife, Kevin](#) (Identical)

		3-26-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce
	Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
SB 859	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to partnerships and limited liability companies.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 2144</div> <div>Oliveira, Rene</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-24-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 860	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to corporations and fundamental business transactions.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 2142</div> <div>Oliveira, Rene</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-24-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 1077	Eltime, Kevin(R)	Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 3434</div> <div>Parker, Tan</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-26-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

B - Business Courts

HB 1091	Schofield, Mike (F)(R)	Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 455</div> <div>Creighton, Brandon (F)</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>2- 9-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs</div> </div>

Bill History: 03-04-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 1603 Villalba, Jason(R) Relating to the creation of the chancery court and the court of chancery appeals to hear certain cases.

Bill History: 03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

SB 455 Creighton, Brandon (F)(R) Relating to the creation of a special three-judge district court.

Companions: [HB 1091](#) Schofield, Mike (F) (Identical)
3- 4-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 02-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

C - Business Entities

HB 241 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to substituted service of citation through a social media presence.

Bill History: 03-10-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 1120 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to creation of entities affiliated with a church organized as a nonprofit corporation.

Bill History: 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

HB 1806 Tinderholt, Tony (F)(R) Relating to service of process in this state.

Companions: [HB 3459](#) Schofield, Mike (F) (Identical)
3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 2207	Keffer, Jim(R)	Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to oil or gas lease.
Companions:		
	SB 1384	Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop
Bill History:		
		03-30-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.010 - House Energy Resources

HB 2534	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
Companions:		
	SB 875	Eltife, Kevin (Identical) 3-26-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce
Bill History:		
		03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 2753	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to the names of certain businesses.
Bill History:		
		03-30-15 H Meeting set for 2:30 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.012 - House Business and Industry

HB 2891	Otto, John(R)	Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.
Companions:		
	SB 1541	Perry, Charles (F) (Identical) 3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
Bill History:		
		03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 3308	Flynn, Dan(R)	Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.
Bill History:		
		04-01-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3459	Schofield, Mike (F)(R)	Relating to service of process in this state.
Companions:		
	HB 1806	Tinderholt, Tony (F) (Identical) 3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 3479 Oliveira, Rene(D) Relating to authorizing certain distributions of income from a nonprofit corporation to members of the corporation who are certain nonprofit corporations.

Companions: [SB 1233](#) Taylor, Larry (Identical)
3-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

HB 3762 Elkins, Gary(R) Relating to the designation of a trust as a business purpose trust.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

SB 433 Burton, Konni (F)(R) Relating to a membership interest in a limited liability company subject to a charging order.

Bill History: 02-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 500 Burton, Konni (F)(R) Relating to self-settled asset protection trusts.

Bill History: 02-11-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 875 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the regulation of state trust companies.

Companions: [HB 2534](#) Parker, Tan (Identical)
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

Bill History: 03-26-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1233 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to authorizing certain distributions of income from a nonprofit corporation to members of the corporation who are certain nonprofit corporations.

Companions:	HB 3479 Oliveira, Rene (Identical) 3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
Bill History:	03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 1313](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to the names of certain businesses.

Bill History: 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 1384](#) [Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#) Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to oil or gas lease.

Companions: [HB 2207](#) Keffer, Jim (Identical)
3-30-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.010, House Energy Resources

Bill History: 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

[SB 1541](#) [Perry, Charles \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

Companions: [HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 1973](#) [Taylor, Van \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the names of certain businesses.

Bill History: 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

HB 3434 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Companions: SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin (Identical)

3-26-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

SB 1077 Eltife, Kevin(R) Relating to the definition of "person" under the Uniform Commercial Code.

Companions: HB 3434 Parker, Tan (Identical)

3-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

Bill History: 03-26-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

E - Securities

HB 1539 Meyer, Morgan (F)(R) Relating to increasing the criminal penalties in certain circumstances for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.

Bill History: 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics

HB 1560 Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to investment options for property recovered in a suit by a next friend or guardian ad litem on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person.

Bill History: 03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 1629 Johnson, Eric(D) Relating to crowdfunding portal regulation for the purpose of small business development.

Bill History: 04-01-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

HB 2484	Schaefer, Matt(R)	Relating to the issuance of occupational licenses to certain out-of-state applicants.
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
HB 2493	Parker, Tan(R)	Related to self-directed and semi-independent status of the State Securities Board.
	Bill History:	04-01-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
HB 2580	Johnson, Eric(D)	Relating to crowdfunding portal regulations.
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 3425	Parker, Tan(R)	Relating to the creation of a intrastate investment market for purposes of trading securities issued under the intrastate crowdfunding exemption from federal securities laws.
	Bill History:	04-01-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services
HB 3723	Workman, Paul(R)	Relating to the regulation of secondary market transactions related to the business of life settlements.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 1061</div> <div>Hinojosa, Chuy</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
HB 3981	Darby, Drew(R)	Relating to the final decision in a contested case regarding occupational licensing before a State Office of Administrative Hearings administrative law judge.
	Bill History:	03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

SB 111 Taylor, Van (F)(R) Relating to the criminal penalties for insider trading and other misuse of official information by public servants.

Bill History: 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 1061 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the regulation of secondary market transactions related to the business of life settlements.

Companions: [HB 3723](#) Workman, Paul (Identical)
3-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance

Bill History: 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

F - Financial Institutions

HB 146 (Menendez, Jose)(D) Relating to requiring photo identification for certain credit card purchases.

Bill History: 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 149 (Menendez, Jose)(D) Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.

Companions: [SB 1778](#) Menendez, Jose (F) (Identical)
3-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History: 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 371 McClendon, Ruth Jones(D) Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by a credit access business for certain military personnel or their dependents.

Bill History: 02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 411	Turner, Chris(D)	Relating to prohibiting telemarketing calls by a credit access business.
	Bill History:	03-24-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry
HB 483	Capriglione, Giovanni(R)	Relating to the establishment and administration of a state bullion depository.
	Bill History:	03-25-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services
HB 704	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 1791</div> <div>Ellis, Rodney</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs</div> </div>
	Bill History:	02-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 705	Farrar, Jessica(D)	Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 1792</div> <div>Ellis, Rodney</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 852	Sanford, Scott(R)	Relating to the creation of a joint interim committee to study and make recommendations regarding the storage of biometric identifiers.
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Transparency and Operation
HB 1020	Giddings, Helen(D)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 121</div> <div>West, Royce</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</div> </div>

Bill History: 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 1029 Wray, John (F)(R) Relating to trusts.

Companions: [SB 387](#) Rodriguez, Jose (Identical)
3-23-15 S Committee action pending
Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 1333 Naishtat, Elliott(D) Relating to a request for a customer record of a financial institution for guardianship purposes.

Bill History: 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

HB 1626 Johnson, Eric(D) Relating to the designation of certain areas as banking development districts to encourage the establishment of financial institution branches in those areas.

Bill History: 03-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 1628 Johnson, Eric(D) Relating to authorizing a credit union or other financial institution to conduct savings promotion raffles.

Bill History: 04-01-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and Financial Services

HB 2166 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to certain extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit access businesses.

Bill History: 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 2273 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to a contract or other agreement between certain governmental entities and a credit services organization or credit access business.

Bill History: 03-24-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics

HB 2394 Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.

Companions:

SB
926

Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)

3- 9-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History:

03-25-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HB 2676 Stephenson, Phil(R)

Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.

Companions:

SB
899

Eltife, Kevin (Identical)

3-26-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History:

03-25-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services

HB 2808 White, James(R)

Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

Bill History:

03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3047 Craddick, Tom(R)

Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.

Bill History:

03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3094 Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.

Companions:

SB
1282

Eltife, Kevin (Identical)

3-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Bill History:

03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3442 Raney, John(R) Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

Companions: [SB 641](#) Schwertner, Charles (Identical)
3-23-15 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History: 04-01-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR
ADJ., E2.028 - House Investments and
Financial Services

HB 3478 Elkins, Gary(R) Relating to a breach of system security of a business that exposes consumer credit card or debit card information.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Business and Industry

HB 3536 Landgraf, Brooks (F)(R) Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.

Companions: [SB 657](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
3-23-15 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History: 03-25-15 H Committee action pending House
Investments and Financial Services

HB 3555 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to certain administrative procedures and enforcement authority relating to state banks, state trust companies, and bank holding companies.

Companions: [SB 1549](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Business and
Commerce

Bill History: 03-20-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Investments and
Financial Services

HB 3599 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to the sale of collateral in connection with certain extensions of consumer credit that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.

Bill History: 03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Investments and
Financial Services

HB 3617 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the establishment of a business investment fund in this state.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3638 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to reports for credit access businesses required by the consumer credit commissioner.

Bill History: 03-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3811 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to extensions of consumer credit in the form of a deferred presentment transaction that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3812 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to extensions of consumer credit in the form of a motor vehicle title loan that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3824 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the regulation of certain short-term consumer loans.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 3873 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner, the consumer credit commissioner, and the duties of the consumer credit commissioner, including the regulation of credit access businesses.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

HB 4020 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the security of certain financial information and liability for certain security breaches.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

HCR 26	Flynn, Dan(R)	Urging the United States Congress to repeal the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.
	Bill History:	03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility
SB 91	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to a restriction on charges charged for certain extensions of consumer credit that a credit access business obtains for a consumer or assists a consumer in obtaining.
	Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 92	Ellis, Rodney(D)	Relating to regulation of certain credit services organizations and to certain extensions of consumer credit the organizations obtain for a consumer or assist a consumer in obtaining.
	Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 121	West, Royce(D)	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 1020</div> <div>Giddings, Helen (Identical)</div> <div>3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services</div> </div>
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 387	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to trusts.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 1029</div> <div>Wray, John (F) (Identical)</div> <div>3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-23-15 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs
SB 641	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges.

Companions:	HB 3442	Raney, John	(Identical)
		4- 1-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.028, House Investments and Financial Services	
Bill History:	03-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar		

[SB 657](#) [Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#)

Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.

Companions:	HB 3536	Landgraf, Brooks (F)	(Identical)
		3-25-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services	
Bill History:	03-23-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar		

[SB 899](#) [Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#)

Relating to the regulation of money services businesses.

Companions:	HB 2676	Stephenson, Phil	(Identical)
		3-25-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services	
Bill History:	03-26-15 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Business and Commerce		

[SB 926](#) [Creighton, Brandon \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Relating to the compelled production of certain customer records by a financial institution.

Companions:	HB 2394	Darby, Drew	(Identical)
		3-25-15 H Committee action pending House Investments and Financial Services	
Bill History:	03-09-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce		

[SB 1282](#) [Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#)

Relating to the regulation of consumer credit transactions and the regulatory authority of the Office of Consumer Credit Commissioner.

Companions:	HB 3094	Parker, Tan	(Identical)
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		<p>3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services</p> <p>Bill History: 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</p>
SB 1323	Menendez, Jose (F)(D)	<p>Relating to fees paid to certain credit services organizations in connection with certain extensions of consumer credit.</p> <p>Bill History: 03-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</p>
SB 1549	Eltife, Kevin(R)	<p>Relating to certain administrative procedures and enforcement authority relating to state banks, state trust companies, and bank holding companies.</p> <p>Companions: HB 3555 Parker, Tan (Identical) 3-20-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services</p> <p>Bill History: 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</p>
SB 1650	Eltife, Kevin(R)	<p>Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations.</p> <p>Bill History: 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</p>
SB 1778	Menendez, Jose (F)(D)	<p>Relating to photo identification requirements for certain stored value card purchases.</p> <p>Companions: HB 149 (Menendez, Jose) (Identical) 2- 9-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services</p> <p>Bill History: 03-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce</p>
SB 1791	Ellis, Rodney(D)	<p>Relating to disclosures on selection or modification of an account by a customer of a financial institution.</p>

Companions:	HB 704	Farrar, Jessica	(Identical)
		2-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	
Bill History:		03-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	

[SB 1792](#) [Ellis, Rodney\(D\)](#) Relating to access to a financial institution account of a person who dies intestate.

Companions:	HB 705	Farrar, Jessica	(Identical)
		3-17-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence	
Bill History:		03-24-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	

G - Business Liability

[HB 94](#) [Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#) Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain offenses involving wage theft.

Companions:	SB 753	Garcia, Sylvia	(Identical)
		3- 2-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop	
Bill History:		03-24-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry	

[HB 162](#) [Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#) Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.

Companions:	SB 152	Rodriguez, Jose	(Identical)
		1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop	
Bill History:		02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry	

HB 187	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.
Companions:		<div> <div>SB 65</div> <div>Ellis, Rodney</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>1-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop</div>
Bill History:		03-10-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
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HB 247	Raymond, Richard(D)	Relating to limits on certain actions arising out of attorney's fee agreements.
Bill History:		03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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HB 610	Davis, Sarah(R)	Relating to the statute of limitations for an action on a credit card account.
Bill History:		03-03-15 H Not heard in committee House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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HB 968	Hernandez, Ana(D)	Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.
Companions:		<div> <div>SB 1848</div> <div>Garcia, Sylvia</div> <div>(Identical)</div> </div> <div>3-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs</div>
Bill History:		03-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
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HB 1515	Canales, Terry(D)	Relating to the consideration by employers of the consumer credit reports or other credit information of employees and applicants for employment.
Bill History:		03-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
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HB 1777	Giddings, Helen(D)	Relating to prohibiting an employer from accessing the personal online accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices.
Bill History:		03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
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HB 1799	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act.

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 2183 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the adoption of the Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act.

Bill History: 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 2590 Johnson, Eric(D) Relating to providing a remedy for fraud committed in certain real estate and stock transactions.

Bill History: 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

HB 2898 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to certain procedures, civil penalties, and remedies under the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

Bill History: 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 3168 Simmons, Ron(R) Relating to remedies for oppression of minority shareholders by directors of closely held corporations.

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

SB 65 Ellis, Rodney(D) Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.

Companions: [HB 187](#) Thompson, Senfronia (Identical)
3-10-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry

Bill History: 01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 152 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to administrative penalties assessed by the Texas Workforce Commission against certain employers for failure to pay wages.

Companions: [HB 162](#) Gonzalez, Mary (Identical)
2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

Bill History: 01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 753 Garcia, Sylvia(D) Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain offenses involving wage theft.

Companions: [HB 94](#) Gonzalez, Mary (Identical)
3-24-15 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

Bill History: 03-02-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 1848 Garcia, Sylvia(D) Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.

Companions: [HB 968](#) Hernandez, Ana (Identical)
3-25-15 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Bill History: 03-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

H - Real Estate/Related Topics

HB 703 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.

Companions: [SB 462](#) Huffman, Joan (Identical)
3-16-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

Bill History: 03-17-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

HB 971 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to requirements governing officers and directors of condominium unit owners' associations and property owners' associations.

Bill History: 03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

HB 1239	Walle, Amando(D)	Relating to the provision of accounting statements by mortgage servicers for certain loans secured by a lien on residential real property.
	Bill History:	03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 1726	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to a study by the consumer credit commissioner regarding payment by mortgage lenders of property tax loans.
	Bill History:	03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services
HB 1936	Oliveira, Rene(D)	Relating to notice by a property owner to a mortgage servicer that the owner intends to enter into a contract with a property tax lender.
	Bill History:	03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Business and Industry
HB 2418	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to decedents' estates.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 995</div> <div>Rodriguez, Jose</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 2428	Wray, John (F)(R)	Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.
	Companions:	<div> <div>SB 994</div> <div>Rodriguez, Jose</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>3-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 2817	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to fees and costs imposed by mortgagees or mortgage servicers for certain legal services performed by an attorney.
	Bill History:	03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

HB 3095	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to durable powers of attorney and advance directives.
	Bill History:	03-24-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 3190	Villalba, Jason(R)	Relating to persons authorized to direct, consent to, or disapprove a trustee's decisions.
	Bill History:	03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
HB 3316	Miller, Doug(R)	Relating to the provision clarifying the timing of the provision of the Texas Probate Code relating to durable power of attorney.
	Bill History:	03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
SB 462	Huffman, Joan(R)	Relating to authorizing a revocable deed that transfers real property at the transferor's death.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 703</div> <div>Farrar, Jessica (Identical)</div> <div>3-17-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-16-15 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 994	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to the adoption of the Texas Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 2428</div> <div>Wray, John (F) (Identical)</div> <div>3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
SB 995	Rodriguez, Jose(D)	Relating to decedents' estates.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 2418</div> <div>Wray, John (F) (Identical)</div> <div>3-13-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence</div> </div>

Bill History: 03-10-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 1203 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to exemptions from the applicability of the Texas Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2009.

Bill History: 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

I - Taxation/Related Topics

HB 32 Bonnen, Dennis(R) Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 1316](#) Bohac, Dwayne (Identical)
3- 5-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 33 Bonnen, Dennis(R) Relating to the EZ computation of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 79 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to exemptions from the sales and use tax and the franchise tax for certain businesses during an initial period of operation in the state.

Bill History: 02-09-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 193 Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 02-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 250 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 552](#) Huberty, Dan (Identical)

		2-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
	Bill History:	02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 321	Keough, Mark (F)(R)	A bill relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	02-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 358	Button, Angie(R)	Relating to the inclusion of the costs of accepting credit and debit cards in the cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	02-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 419	Wu, Gene(D)	Relating to federal income tax liability for certain damages awarded in certain civil actions.
	Bill History:	02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
HB 525	Riddle, Debbie(R)	Relating to a franchise tax credit for wages paid to certain employees.
	Bill History:	02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 552	Huberty, Dan(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 250</div> <div>Leach, Jeff</div> <div>(Identical)</div> <div>2-11-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div> </div>
	Bill History:	02-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 668	Farney, Marsha(R)	Relating to the franchise tax liability of certain taxable entities.
	Bill History:	02-19-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HB 850	Goldman, Craig(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

Companions:	SB 105	Estes, Craig	(Identical)
		3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance	
	SB 175	Huffines, Donald (F)	(Identical)
		1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance	
Bill History:	03-02-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means		

[HB 1001](#) [Davis, Yvonne\(D\)](#) Relating to restrictions on tax and fee benefits for certain private entities that outsource jobs to foreign countries.

Bill History: 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1134](#) [Metcalf, Will \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

Companions: [SB 331](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

Bill History: 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 1152](#) [Turner, Scott\(R\)](#) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

Companions: [SB 138](#) Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

Bill History: 03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1314](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#) Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1315](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#) Relating to temporary permissive alternate rates for the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1316](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#) Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 32](#) Bonnen, Dennis (Identical)
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 03-05-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1962](#) Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the franchise tax and alternative
revenue sources and spending priorities for
this state.

Companions: [SB 186](#) Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending
Senate Finance

Bill History: 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1974](#) Keffer, Jim(R) Relating to the use of certain surplus state
revenue to phase out the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-12-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 2089](#) Darby, Drew(R) Relating to the repeal of certain occupational
license fees and taxes.

Companions: [SB 765](#) Eltife, Kevin (Identical)
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending
Senate Finance

Bill History: 03-30-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR
ADJ., E2.026 - Licensing and Administrative
Procedures

[HB 2111](#) Sheets, Kenneth(R) Relating to an exemption from the franchise
tax and certain filing fees for certain
businesses owned by veterans during an
initial period of operation in the state.

Companions: [SB 1049](#) Campbell, Donna (Identical)
3-11-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 2114](#) Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax
and the tax on combative sports events.

Companions: [SB 752](#) Bettencourt, Paul (F) (Identical)
3-25-15 H Received in the House

Bill History: 03-31-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M.,
E2.010 - House Ways and Means

HB 2331 Metcalf, Will (F)(R) Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

Companions: SB 330 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical)
3- 3-15 S Committee action pending
Senate Finance

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

HB 2456 Schubert, Leighton (F)(R) Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-13-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

HB 2891 Otto, John(R) Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

Companions: SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F) (Identical)
3-23-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Business and
Commerce

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

HB 2940 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the determination of compensation for purposes of the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-16-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

HB 3399 Stephenson, Phil(R) Relating to franchise tax payments and reports.

Bill History: 03-17-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

HB 3471 Bonnen, Dennis(R) Relating to the taxable entities from which no franchise tax payments are due for a period.

Bill History: 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

HB 3482 Bonnen, Dennis(R) Relating to the franchise tax.

Bill History: 03-18-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

HCR 27	Stephenson, Phil(R)	Urging the U.S. Congress to abolish the current income-based system of taxation and to enact a national retail sales tax, and urging repeal of the Sixteenth Amendment.
	Bill History:	03-04-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on Select on State/Federal Power Responsibility
HJR 19	Meyer, Morgan (F)(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a rate of the franchise tax be approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.
	Bill History:	03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HJR 80	Metcalf, Will (F)(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.
	Companions:	SJR 23 Creighton, Brandon (F) (Identical) 3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
	Bill History:	03-03-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 95	Meyer, Morgan (F)(R)	Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring any increase in a franchise tax rate to be approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.
	Bill History:	03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
SB 1	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to certain restrictions on the imposition of ad valorem taxes and to the duty of the state to reimburse certain political subdivisions for certain revenue loss.
	Bill History:	03-25-15 H Received in the House
SB 7	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-26-15 H Received in the House
SB 8	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	03-25-15 H Received in the House

SB 52	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	01-26-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 105	Estes, Craig(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 850</div> <div>Goldman, Craig (Identical)</div> <div>3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div> </div> <div> <div>SB 175</div> <div>Huffines, Donald (F) (Identical)</div> <div>1-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 134	Schwertner, Charles(R)	Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 138	Perry, Charles (F)(R)	Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 1152</div> <div>Turner, Scott (Identical)</div> <div>3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div> </div>
	Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
SB 175	Huffines, Donald (F)(R)	Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
	Companions:	<div> <div>HB 850</div> <div>Goldman, Craig (Identical)</div> <div>3- 2-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means</div> </div> <div> <div>SB 105</div> <div>Estes, Craig (Identical)</div> <div>3- 3-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance</div> </div>
	Bill History:	01-27-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 186	Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)	Relating to the franchise tax and alternative revenue sources and spending priorities for this state.

Companions:	HB 1962	Parker, Tan	(Identical)
		3-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means	
Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance		

[SB 330](#) [Creighton, Brandon \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the computation of the franchise tax.

Companions:	HB 2331	Metcalf, Will (F)	(Identical)
		3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means	
Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance		

[SB 331](#) [Creighton, Brandon \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the use of certain surplus state revenue to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

Companions:	HB 1134	Metcalf, Will (F)	(Identical)
		3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations	
Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance		

[SB 752](#) [Bettencourt, Paul \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of the inheritance tax and the tax on combative sports events.

Companions:	HB 2114	Murphy, Jim	(Identical)
		3-31-15 H Meeting set for 8:30 A.M., E2.010, House Ways and Means	
Bill History:	03-25-15 H Received in the House		

[SB 756](#) [Taylor, Van \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the determination of cost of goods sold for purposes of computing the franchise tax.

Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance		
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[SB 765](#) [Eltime, Kevin\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of certain occupational license fees and taxes.

Companions:	HB 2089	Darby, Drew	(Identical)
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3-30-15 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M.
OR ADJ., E2.026, Licensing and
Administrative Procedures

Bill History: 03-03-15 S Committee action pending
Senate Finance

SB 1049 Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to an exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for certain businesses owned by veterans during an initial period of operation in the state.

Companions: [HB 2111](#) Sheets, Kenneth (Identical)
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and Means

Bill History: 03-11-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

SB 1179 Huffines, Donald (F)(R)

Relating to abolishing certain occupational licensing requirements and associated regulations.

Bill History: 03-17-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Business and
Commerce

SB 1541 Perry, Charles (F)(R)

Relating to certain reporting requirements for taxable entities.

Companions: [HB 2891](#) Otto, John (Identical)
3-16-15 H Introduced and referred to
committee on House Ways and
Means

Bill History: 03-23-15 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Business and
Commerce

SJR 1 Nelson, Jane(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a portion of the market value of a residence homestead based on the median market value.

Bill History: 03-26-15 H Received in the House

SJR 23 Creighton, Brandon (F)(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes.

Companions:	HJR 80	Metcalf, Will (F)	(Identical)
		3- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations	
Bill History:	03-03-15 S Committee action pending Senate Finance		

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[HB 562](#) [Leach, Jeff\(R\)](#)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

Companions:	SB 531	Campbell, Donna	(Identical)
		2-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	
Bill History:	03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence		

[HB 670](#) [Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in this state.

Bill History:	03-24-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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[HB 828](#) [Zedler, Bill\(R\)](#)

Relating to the application of foreign and international laws and doctrines in this state and requiring a court of this state to uphold and apply certain laws, including the doctrine requiring courts to refrain.

Bill History:	02-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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[HB 899](#) [Fallon, Pat\(R\)](#)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in certain family law proceedings.

Bill History:	02-26-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
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[HB 3943](#) [Rinaldi, Matt \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a

marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

Companions: [SB 1090](#) Hall, Bob (F) (Identical)
3-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Bill History: 03-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[SB 531](#) Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

Companions: [HB 562](#) Leach, Jeff (Identical)
3-24-15 H Committee action pending House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 02-18-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 1090](#) Hall, Bob (F)(R)

Relating to the application of foreign laws and foreign forum selection in a proceeding involving marriage, a suit for dissolution of a marriage, or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship in this state.

Companions: [HB 3943](#) Rinaldi, Matt (F) (Identical)
3-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Bill History: 03-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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